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JOHN (1) HOYT, Berg., of Salisbury and Amesbury, "planter" or "husbandman", recd. five lots of land recorded in the "first division," sold his house lot to Wm. Holdred in 1647, and prob. then rem. to the west side of the Powow river: commoner and taxed in 1650: recd. land and was one of the original commoners of A. 1654-5, recd. land there 1654-64, etc. He recd. seat in the A. meeting house, 1657: but was member of the S. chh. 1687. He m. 1st ab. 1635, Frances _____, who d. Feb. 23, 1642-3 (S): 2d, 1643 or '4, Frances _____. He d. Feb. 28, bur. Feb. 29, 1687-8 (A); adm. est. May 8, 1697, wid. liv. Children:

I Frances (2), b. _____: m. 1st, Jan. 14, 1655-6 (S Sm), (2) John (2) Colby: 2d, Dec. 27, 1676 (A Sm S), (9) John (2) Bernard.

II John (2), b. ab. 1638: m. June 23, 1659, Mary (2) Barnes.

III Thomas (2) b. Jan. 1, 1640-1 (S): m. ab. 1657, Mary (2) Brown.

IV Gregory (2) b. Jan. 1, 1640-1 (S), (twin): d. Jan. 1, 1641-2 (S).

V Elizabeth (2) b. Feb. 23, 1642-3 (S) (by 1st wife).

VI Sarah (2) b. Jan. 16, 1644-5 (S), (by 2d wife): d. Feb. 26, 1644-5 (S).

VII Mary (2) b. Feb. 20, 1645-6 (S): m. Dec. 17, (Nb) or 19 (S), 1663, (3) Christopher (2) Bartlett.

VIII Joseph (2) b. May, 1648 (S): d. April 19, 1648 (S): prob. mistake in one of the months.

IX Joseph (2) b. Nov. 27, 1649 (S): d. Jan. 24, 1649-50 (S).

X Sarah (2) b. Nov. 24, 1653 (S): d. Dec. 1, 1653 (S).

XI Naomi (2) b. Jan. 23, 1654-5 (S): prob. m. March 23, 1677-8 John Lovejoy, And.

XII Dorothy (2) b. April, 1656 (S).

XIII Mehitable (2) b. Oct. 25, 1664 (S).

THOMAS (1) HOYT (John 1) of Salisbury and Amesbury, b.1641: worked for Walter Taylor, "shipwright", in 1654: m. 1st ab.1667, (46) Mary (2) Brown. 2d. Nov.20,1680 (A), (*90 A Sm), (2) Mary Ash. He was of S 1670-80: after that of A.: oath cl. and fid. at S. Dec.1677. Re d. Jan,3,1690-1 (A): adm.est. March 31,1691. Wid. Mary n. ab.1692 (4) James Hall.

Children:

I Thomas (3) b. _____: m. 1st May,22,1680,Elizabeth Huntington 2d. Nov.16,1702,wid. Mary (Jewell) Barnard.

II William (3) b. Oct.10,1670(S): d. Oct.29,1670 (S).

III Ephraim (3) b.Oct.16,1671 (S): m.1st, April 25,1695 (D Hn) Hannah Godfrey of Hn.: 2d, Aug.12,1736,another Hn. Godfrey: 3d, Sep.4, 1738,Elizabeth Macrost (or Macroe): res. Hn. Falls: d. 1741 or '12. 9 chil. His son Benj (4) was ancestor of the "Worcester Co. branch." (Hoyt Gen.,p.168).

IV John (3) b.April,5,1674 (S): per. the John of Kittery 1697-1703 of Dover, Bloody Point (Hawthorne) 1703. Mary, dau. John and Sarah, b. May,3,1697, Kittery rec.: John and wife Sarah liv. 1703*

* At Dover is inv. est. Elizabeth Hoyt wife to John Hoyt, Jan.8,1699. Commutation w/mown.

V William (3) b.April,8,1676 (S): liv.in A. 1699. A Wm.of Kittery 1703: per. the same as Wm.of Newington, who d. bef.1727, and left at least 4 chil.

VI Israel (3) b.July,16,1678 (S): a soldier sent from S to Wmlls, Dec,1696. There was an Israel of Portsmouth, 1732: but (30) Israel may have d. young.

VII Benjamin (3) b.Sep,20,1680 (S) n pub.Feb,19,1703-4, to Hannah Amesbury of Hn.: a "tanner", res. S and Hn. Will Dec.,Feb., 6,1748-9: wife Hn. marr. 6 chil., b. 1706-17.

VIII Joseph (3) b. ab.1684. m.Dec.22,1707, (31) Hannah (3) Chase: res. Hn and Stratfield,N.H. d. May,34,1753. 8 chil. b. 1709 and later.

IX A Daughter, (3) b. bef.1688.

X Deliverance (3) b. May,2,1688 (A), "2d.dau.": d.May,9,1688 (A)

XI Mary (3) b.Oct.1,1690 (A)n (by 2d.wife?). d. Jan,20,1690-1 (A).

THOMAS (3) HOYT, Lieut., (Thomas 2, John 1), of Amosbury: "snow-shoe man" 1708: m. 1st, May, 22, 1689 (A), Elizabeth (3) Huntington (John 2, Eliz. 1), who d. Jan. 29, 1721-2 (A): 2d. Nov 18, 1722, Mary (3) Jewell (wid. of (12) Joseph (3) Barnard): rec. 1724: will 1734, 1741: wife Mary liv. Children:

I John (4) Capt. and Dea. b. July, 25, 1689: m. Aug. 22, 1723, (28?) Sarah (4) Barnard: rec. A.

II Jacob (4), b. June 19, 1691 (A): m. Feb. 14, 1716-17 (A), Joanna (3) Ring (Robert 2, Robert 1): rec. A.

III Mary (4), b. Aug. 15, 1693 (A): m. Dec. 20, 1716 (A), John (4) Lancaster (Joseph 3, Jos. 2, Henry 1?).

IV David (4) b. March 12, 1695-6 (A): killed by Indians, July 4, 1705 (p. 25).

V Sarah (4), b. May, 4, 1698 (A): m. April, 27, 1721 (A), (38?) Joseph (4) Dartlett.

VI Timothy (4), Lieut. b. June 24, 1700 (A): m. Feb. 15, 1721-2, (14) Sarah (3) Chalilis: rec. A.

VIII Thomas (4), b. Jan. 18, 1703-4 (A): m. Jan. 20, 1725-6, (31?) Ruth (4) Barnard: rec. A.

VII Elizabeth (4), b. March 14, 1701-2 (A): not ment. in will, 1734.

IX Micah (4), Lieut., b. Jan. 18, 1704 (A), (twin?): m. (37?) Susanna (4) Colby: rec. S. Hm, and Newtown.

X Daniel (4) b. Jan. 23, 1707 (A): not ment. in will, 1734.

XI David (4), b. Oct. 27, 1709 (A): m. Mary Quinby: rec. A.

Later generations and fuller records of the Hoyt family will be found in "A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight and Hight Families," 1871, pp 686

THOMAS (4) HOYT (Lieut Thos.3, Thos.2, John 1), b. Jan. 18, 1703-4: m. Jan. 20, 1725-26, Ruth Barnard, branddaughter of Thomas Barnard. He recd. the west half of his father's farm and prob. lived on it. He died in 1743 or early in 1744.

THOMAS (5) HOYT (Thos.4, Thos.3, Thos.2, John 1), b. 17 May, 1731. Prob. m. Mirriam Kimball of Haverhill, Mass. 5 Sept. 1734. He was a tanner, moved to Canterbury, N.H. in 1771-72 and d. in the Rev. War, Sep. 1, 1778. His wid. Mirriam m. Nov. 1781 in C. Benjamin Blanchard. Child. by 1st. marriage:

Abner married Martha Weeks

Phobo " David Ames

Ruth " Sargent Morrill

Thos. " _____ Morrill

Sarah " Abraham Morrill Born in Amesbury, Mass.

Barnard " Judith Morrill

Jonathan d. at sea. Not married.

SARAH (6) HOYT, b. 13 Nov. 1765: m. Mar. 24, 1785 Abraham Morrill. d. Oct. 4, 1847 Ogden, N.Y. He was born in Canterbury, N.H. Jan. 29, 1756: d. in Ogden, N.Y. Sept. 19, 1845. m. Mar.

Samuel Hilton, b. in Channing, N.Y. Mar. 25, 1797: d. in Ypsilanti, Mich. July, 10, 1869. Sarah Hoyt Morrill b. in Wheelock, Vt., Nov. 11, 1800: d. Oct. 29, 1888 in Ypsilanti. They were married Mar. 27, 1826 in Ogden, N.Y. Sarah Hoyt Morrill was bapt. May, 10, 1823-5

Children of Samuel Hilton and Sarah Hoyt Morrill Hilton:

Martha, Frances, Orville, Orseulus.

Martha Hilton b. in Avon, Mich., Mar. 22, 1827: d. Jan. 3, 1910 in Saginaw, Mich. Married Myron Francis LeRoy, Mar. 7, 1854 in Avon, Mich. Myron Francis LeRoy b. in Pitcairn, N.Y. Oct. 20, 1832: d. July 21, 1904, Detroit, Mich.

THOMAS (S) HOYT WAR RECORD

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THOMAS HOYT was a sol. in the 3rd Regt. of N.H. in 1776. He was in Capt. James Shepard's Co. in Concord in 1776, enlisted in Col. Thomas Stickney's Regt. Con. Stark's Brigade for 3 yrs in 1777. Was a member of the Train-bands of Canterbury, N. H., and signed the Association Toot of N. H. He also ser in the 3rd N. H. Regt. Ref. "Hoyt Genealogy, pp 70, 126 & 127, by David Hoyt;" "Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Mass., " by David Hoyt; N. H. State Papers, vol 2, pp. 162 and 607; Canterbury Town History, Chapt. 6, p. 163.

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JOHN EATON of Salisbury and Haverhill, "cooper", received land in Salisbury in '43 and '46: removed to Haverhill November 1646. Selectman there in 1648. He married first Ann _____ who died February 5th, 1660 (Hv.), 2nd marriage November 20th, 1661 (Hv.), Phoebe (wid.) of (57) Thos. Dow. He died October 29th, 1668 (probate) will August 6th, 1668. April 13th, 1669 widow Phoebe died. November 3rd, 1672 Inv. est. Wid. Eaton of Salisbury. April 8th, 1673 (60) Stephen Dow of Haverhill adm. est. Children: John (2), Ann (2), Elizabeth (2) married James Davis Jr., December 1st, 1648 and had ten (10) children. Thomas (2), Ruth (2), Hester (2).

THOMAS EATON (2) (John 1) Haverhill, married first August 14th, 1656 (Hv.) Martha Kent: second marriage January 6th, 1658-9 (Hv.) Eunice (2) Singlotary (Richard 1) at And. Wife Martha died March 1st, 1657-8 (hv.). He died December 15th, 1708 (Hv.). Will made March 11th, 1701-2: July 4th, 1708. Widow Eunice died October 5th, 1715 (Hv.).

Children: Martha (3), Thos. (3), Lydia (3), Jonathan (3), Job (3), Timothy (3), Ebenezer (3), Ruth (3) John (3).

RUTH EATON (3) born November 23rd, 1684 in Haverhill: married first Ebenezer Kimball, second Stephen Johnson.

(Eaton Genealogy)

K I M B A L L F A M I L Y

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RICHARD KIMBALL.

Benjamin (3) (Richard 1) KIMBALL.

EBENEZER (3) KIMBALL was born at Bradford, Mass., June 20th, 1684, died January 23rd, 1715; Married Ruth Eaton who died April 6th, 1750. He lived in Haverhill and Bradford, Mass., and owned land in Methuen, Mass. His widow married Aaron Johnson of Ipswich, Mass. The children, Jonima (4) born Oct. 22nd, 1709, Abner (4), born Apr. 20th, 1712, Abraham (4) born Jan. 3rd, 1713.

ABNER (4) KIMBALL (Ebenezer (3), Benj. (2), Richard (1)) born in Haverhill, Mass. April 20th, 1712, died August 1st, 1752; Married March 28th, 1734, Dinah Barnard. Resided in Haverhill. Yeoman and trader. His son-in-law Thos. Hoyt was administrator of his estate.

Children: Ruth (5), born Feb. 3rd, 1734, Miriam (5), born July 14th, 1736; Anna (5), born Mar. 18th, 1737, Ebenezer (5), born Apr. 17th, 1740, Ruth (5) born Feb. 8th, 1741, Rebecca (5), Barnard (5), born Jan. 18th, 1743, Abner (5), Moses (5), born Nov. 8th, 1747, Amos (5), born June 18th, 1850

MIRIAM (5) KIMBALL of Haverhill born July 14th, 1736: Married first Thomas Hoyt Sept. 1754. He died in Nov. Mar. His widow married second 1781 Benjamin Blanchard. Children of first marriage:

Abner, married Martha Weeks

Phoebe, married David Ames

Ruth, married Sargent Morrill

Thomas married _____ Morrill

Sarah born Nov. 13th, 1765, married Mar. 24th, 1785 Abraham Morrill.

Barnard married Judith Morrill

Jonathan died at sea - not married.

Members of the Hoyt Fam. who signed the Association Test in
N. H.

In consequence of a Resolution of Congress
dated Mar. 14, 1776, recommending that all persons
be immediately disarmed who were "notoriously dis-
affected to the cause of America," the Col. of N. H.
in com. of safety, Apr. 12, 1776 issued the
following test which was printed and sent to each
town for signatures:

"We the Subscribers do hereby solemnly engage,
& promise, that we will, to the utmost of our Power
at the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, with ARM,

oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets,
& Armies, against the United American Colonies"
signed -

Joseph Hoyt Boscawen

Thos. Hoyt Canterbury

(183) Thos Hoyt, Canterbury - Rev. Sol. bearing
the name of Hoyt - N.H. 3 years man -
3rd Regt

44 Reg. Mar. 22 1760 Jonathan Le Roy Col.
N.Y.

Hoyt Gen. by David Hoyt.

The earliest information concerning (1) John Hoyt, which has yet been obtained, is that he was one of the original settlers of Salisbury, Mass. His age at that time can not be accurately determined, but, from the fact that he had at least 2 children born previous to 1639 it seems probable he was born about 1610-15. He was chosen selectman, March 1631-2, and moderator of town meeting, April 1687 (the same year he died), hence he could not have been very aged and infirm at that time. Whether he came directly from England, or had previously lived in other towns in America, is uncertain. His name does not appear among the passengers on any of the early immigrant ships of which we have seen any record, and is not found on any of the lists of freemen contained in the Massachusetts Records. He may have come into the country when a minor. It is perhaps possible that he may have been either a son or a brother of the Simon Hoyt who was in Dorchester quite early, and who "took the oath of freeman" in 1631; but there seems to be nothing to warrant our assuming the probability of any relationship between them. The name Simon does not occur among John's descendants for over a century. There was a John Hoyt in Connecticut as early as 1650, and, as Simon removed to Windsor, Ct., it is quite probable that John was his son; if so, John of Salisbury, Mass., could not be. Simon was some years older than John of Salisbury, and it hardly seems probable they were brothers.

From the Massachusetts Records, we find that permission "to begin a plantation at Morrinack" was granted Sept. 6, 1638, - plantation named "Colchester," Sept. 4, 1639, - name changed to "Salisbury", Oct. 7, 1640. On the Salisbury Records is found the following entry:-

1639, the third month.

"At a meeting at Morrinack of Mr. Simon Bradstreet, Mr. Samuel Dudley, Mr. Dennis Dennis, Christopher Eatt, Samuel Winslow, John Sandors :

It was ordered that there shall be 2 divisions of Meadow, the one nearer, the other farther, the nearest shall have four Acres to Each 100 li (L), the other left to farther consideration,

It was further ordered: that upland for planting lots shall be divided so as to be that bath under 50 li shall haue 4 Acres, and he that bath aboue 50 li. the same shall haue 6 Acres, and all aboue shall haue 4 Acres to Exceec 100 li.

Also, it was ordered that all lots granted to single-men are on condition that they will inhabit here before the 6 of may next, and such as haue families that they shall inhabit here before the last of October next."

The last clause may refer to October, 1639, but October of the next year is probably intended. John Hoyt had a family at that time, and must have been in Salisbury previous to the above date. The date of the "first division" of land is not given, but the earliest subsequent grants are dated October, 1640. John Hoyt was almost the only individual who received all his earlier grants at the "first division." Most of the others received only 2 or 3 lots at that time, and the remainder some months after. This would rather seem to indicate that he was among the earliest to move into the town. The following is a copy of the 33rd page (one page was originally devoted to each grantee) of the original book of land records for the town of Salisbury:-

"According unto the first division of the Towne of Salisbury there was granted unto Jno Hoyt a House Lotte containing p estimacion one acre more or less, lying betweene the house Lottes of Willi Holdred & Jno Dickinson, butting upon the streett & Anthony Sadlers house Lotte."

March 5, 1642 (probably 43-3), John Hoyt exchanged his 4 acre planting lot with John Dickinson, for a house lot and planting lot, the house lot adjoining Hoyt's & lying where 2 streets met at "ffitts his corner" and the planting lot lying on the Merrimack. Thus there were 2 acres in John Hoyt's house lot when he sold it to William Holdred in 1647.

"Also there was granted unto him 30-acres-for-a-great-lott a planting lotte, containing p estimacion 4 acres more or less, lying between the planting lottes of Willi Holdred & Anthony Sadler, butting upon the millway, with ye northermost end, & the other end upon the great swamp; leading to go forrie. Also ther was granted unto him 30 acres for a great Lotte containing p estimacion 20 acres more or less, lying between the great Lottes of Willi Holdred & Joseph Parker, butting upon the river Merrimack and thocanon.

and was determined and used as the primary evidence in the
case. The evidence was collected from the scene of the
murder and was submitted to the laboratory for analysis.

On the 20th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap, the
"Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 21st of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 22nd of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 23rd of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 24th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 25th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 26th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 27th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 28th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

On the 29th of January, 1923, the American Cyanamid
Company issued a recall of all their brand of laundry soap,
the "Cyanamid" soap, because of the fact that it had been
"contaminated" by a bacterium known as *Escherichia coli*.

Also ther was granted unto him a meddow lott containing p estimacon 2 acres more or less, lying between the meddow lotts of Rob ffitts & Tho: Barnett, butting upon ye Rocke & the great Crooks, before ye Towne:

Also ther was granted unto him a farr meddow lott containing p estimacon 3 acres more or less, ly'g beyond ye Elders conne towards Hampton, butting uppon ye meddow lott of Tho: Carter & so is incompassed with the little River.

All the abovesayd grants were confirmed by Mr. Christopher Bait, Mr. Saml: Winsley, Mr. Saml: Hall, Tho: Bradbury, & Iacob Dusrell, according to the order of ye Towne passed in that behalfe."

John Hoyt was one of those fined for felling trees against the town's order, but their fines were abated 2d, 11m, 1644. His name appears on the list of "townsmen & commoners" of Salisbury in 1650. His share of "Mr. Westers rate," 25 Dec., 1650, was 6s 6d. He entered his "contra dissencion" on the record of S. in 1651. When the right of mowing the "Beach Common" was divided, 14th March 1653-4, Jno Hoyt received lot 47, containing "2 A, 100 R." His "country Rate Aucto 1659," was 9s. The only times we have noticed his name spelled otherwise than Hoyt, on the Salisbury records are in a boundary of land in 1640, and an entry relating to a "Hollow" lot (No 27) 1653 or '4, where it is spelled Hoyto.

From the first settlement of Salisbury, it seems to have been understood that the part of the town lying on the west side of the Powow River (now Amherstbury), should be made to form a distinct parish; and arrangements were soon made to settle it, as is testified by the following extracts from the records:-

"25. 10th month - 1642 -

"At a generall meeting of the freeman it was ordered thereto shall thirtie families remove to the west side of the powowes river."

"5th. 11 m. 1642.

"Att a generall meeting of the ffreman-----
Also the same day it was ord red and Agreed that thirtie families of this town shall remoue theri dwellings to the West side of the powowes river before the first of the third month in the yere 1645."

On the 10th day of May, 1649, the General Court "Received a petition from the inhabitants of the new towne at Salis-
bury, for exemption from rates to the ministry at the
old towne," that they might sustain the ministry among
themselves; but the magistrates dissented, and the
petition was referred to the next Court. May 26, 1658, the
General Court again refused to grant the petition of "the
inhabitants of the new towne at Salisbury, humbly desiring
that they might be a distinct towne of themselves," and
ordered their worship in the old town. It seems, how-
ever, that they did not obey the Court's order, for, in
October of the same year, "Joseph Peaseley & the rest of the
inhabitants" of the new towne were required to appear
before the next County Court at Salisbury, to be fined
5 shillings for every day's absence from worship in the old
town. At the next May session (1659) one half their fines
were "respitted untill the next General Court," and they
were directed to accept the proposal of Mr. Worcester (the
Salisbury minister) to preach in the new town every fourth
Sabbath; but Joseph Peaseley was forbiddn in October,
1659, to preach in any part of the Courts jurisdiction.
There was still another petition presented in 1660, respect-
ing the settlement of Shubaal Duser, of Newbury. In 1666
and 1668 the inhabitants of the new town met with encourage-
ment, as may be inferred from the following entries: 23 May,
1666, "In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of New
Salisbury, this Court doeth grant them the liberty of a
township, according to the agreement with the old town,
& that upon their providing a minister approved off
according as the law provides, they then to be taken of
from contributing to the minister of ye old town." 27
May, 1668, "In answ. to the petition of the inhabitants of
Salisbury new town, humbly desiring the favor of this
Court that their town may be named Salisbury, the Court
grants their request." Their first settled pastor,
Mr. Thomas Wells, commenced his ministry (of sixty two years)
among them in either 1672 or '73. William Barnes and
John Hoyt were chosen, May 11, 1672, "to see if they can
obtain Mr. Wells to be helpfull to us in the work of the
Ministry."

In all the above transactions John Hoyt must have
been concerned, and, being one of the pioneers in the
settlement of both Salisbury and Amesbury, he must have
shared largely in the trials & privations incident to those
early times. As he early removed to the west side of the
Rowe River, we find him selling his dwelling house on the
east side to Mr. Holdred in September, 1647. His name
appears on the original articles of agreement between

Salisbury & Salisbury New town in 1654; and he was one of the seventeen original "comoners" of the new town whose names were recorded, March 12, 1654-5. In the divisions of land he rec'd several lots, in the "Great Swamp," "on the River," at "Lion's Mouth," & in other parts of the town. One of those contained two hundred acres, and was styled his "great division." The boundaries of those lots are preserved on the Amesbury records, but they are stated in such a manner as to be of little use at the present day, most of the boulds being white oaks, black oaks, "hawlocks," "pitchpines," maples, and the like. "Goodman Hoyt" was one of those who were chosen to lay out land in "Lion's Mouth," etc., February 1661. John I Hoyt is also frequently mentioned on the old Amesbury records as prudential man, selectman, constable, jurymen, moderator, etc. It was customary in those days for the minority on any question in town affairs to enter their "contrary dissent" upon the town books; his name appears in this way with sufficient frequency to show that his opinion did not always coincide with that of the majority. In several instances he entered his "contrary dissent" alone, one of them being on the question of his serving as selectman in 1682. Of course he was a member of the church, as no others were then allowed to hold office, or even vote. He had a seat assigned him in the meeting house, July 9, 1667. We have seen the name spelled Hoyt, Hoyet, Hoyett, & Hoyt on the earliest Amesbury Records; but Hoyt was the most common orthography, & after the first few years it was almost invariably so written.

In old deeds, John I Hoyt was always styled a "plaster," or "husbandman," but it is possible he was engaged in some other employment at times. His land probably included some of the clay pits found on the banks of the Powow River, & he may have aided in manufacturing what bricks were needed in those times. The town of Haverhill voted in Dec. 1650, that "John Hoyt shall have three quarters of an acre of land ----- and also the clay pits upon condition that he come to town to live," and we are inclined to regard this as an offer made to him which he did not accept. He was certainly residing in Salisbury in 1650, '51, '53-4, & '54.

John I Hoyt was a sergeant of the Salisbury Military Company & was frequently called "Sergeant Hoyt." From the Massachusetts Records, we learn that in May 1658,

the General Court answered the "request of Sargent Hoyt & S. Sargent. Stephens, that Phillip Challice might be confirmed Left to ye ffects company in Salisbury," by referring "the determination thereof to ye next County Court of that county." Sargent Jno Hoyt was freed by the Salisbury Court, 9, 8 m 1687, "from all paynings, allowing to ye Military company of Salisbury: term greats p annu." "John Hoyt senr" was also one of "the Commissioned & other officers of the Militia in the county of Norfolk", who signed a petition to the General Court in May, 1671, complaining of Capt. Pike's appointment over them the year previous as Sargent Major.

He had two wives, both named Frances. He probably m. his first wife about 1635 (2), though we have found no record of it. She d. Feb. 18, 1642-3, and he married his second wife in 1643 or '44 (7). His second wife survived him & was living in 1697. The town records of Alresbury state that "Sargent Jno Hoyt senr. died on ye 23rd day and was buried on ye 29th day of Feb. Anno Dom. 1697-8." The county records at Salem state that he d. on the 29th day of February, but the town records are probably correct. His eldest son, (2) John 2, had the homestead, paying his stepmother a certain sum annually; but his grandson (19) Joseph 3 received the deed of it, on the same condition, in 1699. There are quite a number of deeds on record from (1) John 1 Hoyt to his sons, (2) John 2 & (4) Thomas 2, especially the former, his eldest son; & it would seem that he doaded most of his property to his children during his lifetime. If he d. possessed of any estate, it must have been disposed of before an administrator was appointed, - nearly ten years after his death. His sons were both dead at that time, and the husband of his eldest daughter was appointed to settle the estate. The following extracts are copied from the Probate Records at Salem:-

(1697) "May 8th, Administration of all & Singular the goods chattles rights and credite of Sargent. John Hoyt Senr. late of Alresbury doed. granted unto John Bernard Son in law of the deed., he having giuen bond with Surety for his administration according to law. The Relict of the Said Hoyt having Signified under her hand in Writing her Renounciation of the same, & desired that it might be performed upon the said Bernard."

"Recd on. Ipswich Novemr. yo 2d Anno Dom. 1706-

"Before yo Honble John Appleton Esqr of yo probate of Wills & in said County. Mr. John Bernard administrator to yo Estate of Sargent. John Hoyt late of Alresbury Doed. Intestate appeared & made Oath that he by Virtue of sd. power of administration neither Directly nor Indirectly hath never made any use or taken any possession of yo Anyⁿ of sd. Doed - or in an; Wise acted as an admr. on yo Estate of

ed Dead - yr being no Estate to be found but what was otherways
Dispos'd & not Capable of being value upon - Wherefore ye said Ltt John
Barnard is hereby fully & clearly Dismissed from his said* as
Administrator as aforesd.

"Every effect

Dan'l Rogers Reg."

* Evidently something omitted by mistake.

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